

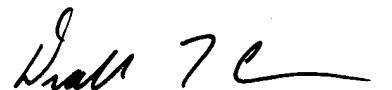
REMARKS

Claims 4-12, 15, and 16 are all the claims pending in the application, claims 1-3, 13, 14, 17, and 18 having been canceled as indicated herein. Claims 4, 12, and 15 are amended, as indicated herein, to place these claims in independent form. Applicant believes that this case is in condition for allowance as the Examiner indicated in the Advisory Action dated January 18, 2005 and the Office Action dated August 18, 2004 that claims 4-12, 15, and 16 contain allowable subject matter.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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